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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R §1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the foreign listed patent documents are attached.

For a concise statement of relevance of the cited non-English documents, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the accompanying English abstract and, in the case of the first two listed documents, to pages 1-3 of the present application as filed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /L.S./

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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